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POLYESTERS CONTAINING  
AROMATIC MOIETIES, A  
DENIER REDUCTION METHOD  
OF FIBER, AND  
MICROORGANISMS HAVING  
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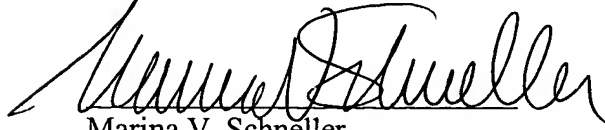
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